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Selected "out-door" Memory Verses overheard in an orchard.

"Said the Robin to the Sparrow,  
'I should really like to know,  
Why these anxious human beings  
Rush about and worry so!'"

"Said the Sparrow to the Robin,  
Friend, I think that it must be  
That they have no heavenly Father  
Such as cares for you and me.'"

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Since going to press the sad news has come from India that Dr. Marjorie Cameron has died of heart failure. This is a great blow to our Board and our whole Mission. Our President asks for earnest and constant prayer that some one may soon be found to take up Dr. Cameron's work.

The following word, received by Mr. Stillwell some time ago, will now have a pathetic interest.

—Editor.

**Encouragement**—Like an early March thaw after a hard, cold winter, at last the "break" has come and the village folks have decided to take us at our word and come to the hospital as in-patients for operations. After one and a half years of long parleys, fair promises and no results, I had almost decided that they would never get their courage up to that high standard of taking your life in your hands, and coming into hospital to be at the mercy of the doctor and her instruments. But if we "Be not weary . . . in due time we shall reap." So after last harvest was over, and work in the villages was slack, you can imagine my joy each morning to find at my hospital a line of my dispensary villagers, bag and baggage, applying for admission. Folks I had long ago advised to come and had not heard of since, were there.

**Gratitude for Sight**—The cataract cases led off. I had seen many at the station dispensary from time to time, but although I had explained the uselessness of medicine and the efficiency of operation, each had said "yea, yea," and disappeared. However, there is security in numbers; one day as we carried the third cataract case off the table, the next applicant was being led in through the gate. Needless to say when they went back to their villages they were good advertisements. Nothing else brings so

much gratitude in proportion to the little energy expended as successful cataract cases. The highest fees I have yet received for this operation are a pair of chickens or a handful of eggs, or a string of coconuts, but I have been well repaid in that which money cannot buy. Usually we get more than we deserve in the line of gratitude.

**Pride**—The pride the villagers take in their post-operation scars is most amusing. One old lady said, "When I go back to my village everyone will come to see the place where I was cut, but I am going to tie it up and say you said that I must not undo it for six months." The matter of bathing did not enter her mind!

**Crowded Quarters**—The station dispensary continues to have an average of ninety to one hundred patients, and is becoming better organized and hence more satisfactory all around. The women have the back verandah, the new patients the middle door-way, and the "repeats" the front verandah. The "urgents" climb up the wall and thrust their heads in the side window and the minor operations are invited inside. Sometimes they are a good-natured crowd, and sometimes a jostling mob, each declaring that he or she came earlier and has waited longer than anyone else. Some are full of devices, not always beneficial. For example, a man and his wife appear for medicine with only one bottle between them. When pressed for a second bottle, they withdraw and reappear with the original bottle empty again. The man had gone out and drunk his liniment.

I am very sorry to have to shut up shop this year and go to the hills for vacation during the hot season. I would much rather carry on, but that would not be advisable for my own sake.

Marjorie I. Cameron.

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## THE ANSWER.

They ask, "Where is thy God?" and I  
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 Where is He not? For never have I  
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 To touch His hand in hours when life  
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 And turning missed the clasp of largest  
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 That whispering heard only to the soul  
 That knows its need (and, O great God!  
 I pray  
 Keep me thus poor, thus starved with  
 things of earth,  
 That every moment I may hunger know  
 And so be satisfied). Where is He not?  
 The foe his battle set in great array  
 And came against me twice ten thousand  
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 When lo! beside me stood the Lord of  
 Hosts, and victory was mine. Where is  
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 I took my lute one day to touch its  
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 And found them broken. Then my fin-  
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 The harp He gave. The flower I plucked  
 at morn  
 Fell all to pieces; But He came that hour  
 And made a garden full of evergreens,  
 And flowers everlasting, red and white.  
 I opened all my windows to the breeze,  
 That brought their fragrance. Then a  
 song I loved  
 Flipped into minor some way; but He  
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 An anthem to my soul. 'Twas dark one  
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 At midnight; not a star was seen. When  
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 A sun arose in splendour. That was He.  
 Where is He not? At morning, noon  
 and night  
 I see Him, touch Him, hear Him. Ask  
 no more.  
 The street is stoneless and the sea is  
 still.  
 The rose has lost its thorn. Dead leaves  
 are green.  
 The tear that burned, a dew-drop has  
 become  
 Upon the violets along my way.  
 For He is everywhere. O mystery

Of mysteries! Beside, around, within  
 I feel His heart-throbs. Leave me thus  
 alone,  
 And ask no more, no more, "Where is  
 thy God?"

EVA ROSE YORK.

—In Canadian Baptist.

## PRAYER FOR COCANADA.

Did all the readers of the June Link notice the Treasurer's note on conditions at Cocanada Boarding School? If any missed it, please look it up, and will all prayerfully re-read it. Let the words "not one cent" be weighed in our prayers. Pray these vacation days that the \$1,000 asked for the enlarging plan be sent on without delay. Let us pray for money for appointments in the school, that these students who clamour for education may be entered. Ask, believing that you may receive. Let every woman consider this her duty. As space will not permit us to speak of the needs of all at this field, let us name them each one before the throne, asking that God will richly give them all things to enjoy. He knoweth their needs. Let us at home put Him in remembrance:

Mr. and Mrs. John Craig.

Miss Laura Craig

Miss Edna Farnell

Miss A. E. Baskerville

Rev. R. C. and Mrs. Bensen.

Mc. T. H.

## NOTICE.

The following books have been lost from the Lending Library in connection with our Literature Department:

"McAll Incidents"

"Children of India"

"Forty Years Among the Telegus"

These were lent some time ago and never returned, and it will be much appreciated if any one knowing of their whereabouts will communicate with the Secretary, Lit. Dept., 373 Palmerston Blvd., Toronto.

THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK  
**OUR WORK ABROAD**

**TEKKALI.**

Mrs. Gordon Barsa.

The work of the Canadian Baptist Mission is carried on in four districts, Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Godaveri and Kistna. In the latter two districts both our own Missions and the other Missions which are working there, count their Christians by the thousands, and because of the remarkable success they have enjoyed among the outcastes, their work is largely confined to that section of the social order. In the other two districts, however, with the exception of the work done among the hill tribes, the Missions concerned count their Christians only by the tens and hundreds. Different reasons have been given for this barrenness, but the general opinion is that this condition is to be accounted for by the very poor economic conditions, accompanied by marked illiteracy and a religious ultra-conservatism which has been undisturbed by any of the modern movements which have served to break up the moulds of thought in other areas. Whatever the reason, the northern half of our Mission has right along offered a stubborn resistance to the revolutionizing power of Christianity. Similarly in this area, success among the outcastes has not been such as to call our attention away from the other castes. For example, in Tekdall-church which has 86 members, no less than 12 distinct castes are represented.

Tekkali is a stronghold of Hinduism. It is called the "city of temples" and visitors from the southern end of our Mission have been amazed at the number of temples and shrines it contains. Religious feeling runs high. Generally speaking, progress has been made by individual conversions followed by the most bitter opposition, ostracism and persecution, even when the convert is from one of the lower castes. Naturally our longing is for the conversion of whole families and caste groups. Recently we have had our first experience in this respect, and it has inspired us with hope for the future.

The foundation of the work in Tekkali was laid by Guruhutti, a remarkable convert from the Rajah's palace. The story of his life is very interesting but space forbids the telling of it here. Chiefly through his efforts a group of Rellies or fruit sellers and a small village of Savaras or hill people, were won to Christ. Although he was a near relative of the Rajah, he was treated to the most bitter persecution and was dishonored and disinherited. In the meantime he developed leprosy and suffered untold agonies from this dread disease. He died almost 40 years ago. May God raise up other Guruhutties to live as he did with Christian self-sacrifice, humility and devotion to his Saviour and the unfortunate people of his own race.

Two names stand out beyond those of other workers on the Tekkali field.—Mr. Higgins and Pastor P. David. Mr. Higgins contributed to the work his unconquerable Christian optimism, his driving energy, and his keen organizing ability. The work among the women and children was ably carried on for a short time by Miss Flora Clarke and for a longer period by Miss Martha Clark, who later was joined by Miss Patten.

In 1906 Mr. Higgins was called home to assume the duties of Foreign Mission Secretary for the Maritime Board, and as there was a scarcity of men, the station was for four years without a resident male missionary.

Death, moral lapses, and immigration to other parts were responsible for a gradual reduction in the membership and staff of workers. When we came to the field in 1910, things were at a low ebb. There were less than seventy Christians, and there was no established work outside of Tekkali. With us, were associated Miss Patton, and part of the time, Miss Knowles. We were all new missionaries, Miss Clark having been transferred to Chica-

cole. Our first term was practically pioneer work. We toured the field, made the best of our small staff of workers, and tried to establish work in other centers. There

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are now four schools in Tekkali and seven over the field, and we have a membership of 86 Christians. There have been many times when discouragement threatened to get the better of our Christian faith, but the outlook is brighter now than ever before.

The most promising center at present is Palasa. It is a rather important station on the main railway line between Calcutta and Madras, and there is a good opportunity for work among the employees of the railway shops located there. Last year there were 25 converts from the Malas and Paidis. There are now two schools and three workers established there, and we hope to organize a church before long.

Another center upon which we have fixed our hopes for years is Nandigam. Five members of one family group are already Christians and many others are showing a very decided interest in our religion. In a neighboring village there is one lone Christian,—a Mala headman. He is a power for good in that village. He has been unmoveable in the new faith, and his constant prayer is that he may win souls for Christ.

In fact, the work of the Tekkali field is still largely pioneer in character, laying the foundation, and its history is that of individuals—foreign missionaries who come and go; Guruhutti and his wife, Harriamma; old Joseph Smith the poor old bungalow watchman in Palasa, the fruit of whose Christian life is only now appearing, years after his decease; Niappa at Nandigam; and Bodanna the Mala headman. And perhaps more than to any other, honor is due to Pastor David, and his wife Lizzie, that consecrated and faithful Biblewoman. Their influence is felt all over this field, and their years of faithful, persistent effort in the face of bitter opposition on the one hand, and depressing indifference on the other, must in time bear the fruit for which they have labored so long.

#### KUSAMMA.

I welcome this opportunity of telling you something about our Oriya women.

Although a number of Oriyas are found at different Mission stations in the Telegu area, Parlakimedi is the only place where a missionary is appointed to work entirely among the Oriyas and Savaras.

These people live in the hill country near Parlakimedi. There is a marked difference between them and the Telegus. Isolated as they are, somewhat removed from civilization, speaking a different language from the common one of the Plains, they have developed in their own way, and, like all other hill tribes, have sturdier bodies, a simpler mode of life, and a more trustworthy nature than the people of the plains. There is a refreshing childlike-ness about them that makes it easier to understand and love them.

This is particularly true of the women. They are modest, quiet and shy. They do not come down to Parlakimedi very often; but nothing makes me happier than to see a little group of them in the doorway, waiting to greet me with a "nomoskaro," and to have a little chat with me. There is something so genuine, straightforward and altogether lovable about them that it does me good to talk to them.

Kusamma is the wife of Roghu, one of our Oriya preachers, who was among our first converts in that part of the country. He had been very hostile to Christianity; but when he came to Christ, bringing his wife with him, he began to work just as earnestly for the Gospel as he had previously worked against it. They had no children, so Kusamma felt that her life should be given as definitely as her husband's, to Christian evangelism. She studied the Bible with him, and was soon able to assist the lady missionary in her work among the Oriya women.

You know of Miss Gaunce, and her heroic labors in that malaria-infested country. Since her marriage and withdrawal from our Mission two years ago, there has been no one to tour that field. Now we know that, even in the home-land, it may be comparatively easy to do some Christian work under a wise and helpful pastor; but to assume the responsibility of caring for the women's work in a pastor-less field is another matter. This is just what Kusamma is doing. With one

helper, she travels about among the villages, twice every week, preaching to the women and teaching the children wherever she can gather them together,—not calling them to her home but going to theirs.

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She was in town with several other Christian women, to attend the meetings of the Telegu Association; and we were glad to be able to introduce her to our new missionary, Miss Munro, who is studying Oriya with a view to taking up Miss Gaunce's work. We are so thankful she has come, for the need was so great; and she feels as happy as we do that her work is to be among these Oriya women.

R. A. WEST, Parlakimedi.

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#### QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD.

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2nd Vice President, Mrs. Pugsley, led in devotion by reading from John 6th, followed by prayer.

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Mrs. Passmore kindly consented to again assist Miss Rogers in preparing the quarterly report for the June Circle meetings.

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The General Board requested our Board to appoint a committee to look after the small furnishings of the Ellsworth Mission Homes.

Motion made and carried that the Muskoka Bungalow Committee be appointed to look after same.

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Motion made and carried that we endeavor to raise \$2000 for the Cocanada Caste Girls' School proportioning a certain amount to each Association and that a leaflet on the School be sent to each Band.

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It was decided to join with other Mission Boards of North America in observing a special day of prayer, the date of which will be announced.

Miss Clara B. Hellyer has received a satisfactory certificate of health and will leave for India about Oct. 1st., if passage can be obtained.

Miss Dayfoot stated that Miss Hatch is coming East in July and intends to stop off and speak at a few places en route.

The Publication Committee presented a resolution, expressing to Mrs. John Hooper, its appreciation for the use of a room in her house since January and her generous helpfulness in all the work of this committee.

Mrs. Senior stated that some of the Missionaries would occupy the Muskoka Bungalow this summer, that an extension of the verandah is needed and screening for same.

Miss Folsom has asked to be returned to India as Missionary but this has been left with the India Conference to decide.

Balance of reports were left over to the next monthly meeting.

Jessie L. Bigwood, Secretary.

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The Publication Committee presented a resolution, expressing to Mrs. John Hooper, its appreciation for the use of a room in her house since January and her generous helpfulness in all the work of this committee.

Mrs. Senior stated that some of the Missionaries would occupy the Muskoka Bungalow this summer, that an extension of the verandah is needed and screening for same.

Miss Folsom has asked to be returned to India as Missionary but this has been left with the India Conference to decide.

Balance of reports were left over to the next monthly meeting.

JESSIE L. BRIGWOOD, Secretary.

## ASSOCIATIONS

## Toronto:

"Evangelism" was the dominant note through all the sessions of the beautiful day of the 35th meeting of the Mission Circles and Bands in Toronto Association on June 7th with the churches at 2nd Markham. The wonderful hospitality of the men and women at both churches will long be remembered. In the morning Bible lesson, the special word of the President, Mrs. Wilson Fenton, was:—"This is a day of good tidings, and we must not hold our peace." Several points in the address of Mrs. Harry Smith, as carrying out the slogan "A Mission Band in Every Church in Five Years," are most suggestive." A missionary meeting once a month in conjunction with C. G.I.T. Groups," Summer Sessions in the country or city, Home Dept., Bands, fostered by the mothers through reading and telling of missionaries stories at bed time, are ways of giving missionary emphasis and environment. The singing Evangelists of India as a new factor in winning the people to Christ and the great multitudes longing for some message of hope and rest, especially impressed Mrs. H. Stillwell, during her recent visit to India. The presence of five returned missionaries was something to be very proud of. "We can give no more than we have received ourselves"; "Just in the degree our lives are filled with Jesus Christ, just to that degree will people be brought to Him," are sentences from Dr. Ralph Hooper's evening address. "The gospel that India needs today must be two-fold, casting down and building up the only gospel that will save India," said Rev. A. Scott, of Tun.

41 Circles, 21 Y. W. Circles and 10 Bands, had given to Home Missions \$5,861.67; to Foreign Missions \$6,742.65, an increase over last year of \$1,452.38. The officers elected were:—

Director—Mrs. C. Passmore.

Asst. Director—Miss Whitham.

President—Mrs. C. E. McLeod.

Vice-President—Mrs. Cummer.

Secretary—Annie F. Smith.

## Peterborough:

The thirty-fifth annual gathering of the Women's Circles and Bands of the Peterborough Association was held at Belleville on June 7th. The President, Mrs. W. D. Scott, opened the session with devotional exercises. Mrs. Burk welcomed the delegates, and Mrs. Scott made a suitable reply.

The reports of Circles and Bands showed progress.

Mrs. Young, of Gilmour Memorial, spoke on "Band Work," and gave many helpful suggestions to Band leaders, calling attention to "Our Aim, a Mission Band in every church in the Convention in five years."

Mrs. Holman, of Toronto speaking for Home Missions, gave excellent reasons why Circle members cannot afford to do without "The Visitor," and dwelt upon the vast field of the Women's Home Mission Society, "from Atlantic to Pacific; representatives of every nation under heaven, and our duty to try to win Canada for Christ.

Dr. Chute (Akidu), in opening her remarks on Foreign Missions, called attention to the fact that one problem before our Board at the present time is, "A Home for Missionaries' Children." She gave many interesting experiences showing the bright and dark sides of their work. "We need to win souls in fair Canada, and to the far ends of the earth."

Miss Nicholls, in presenting the Director's Report, said: "For the first time in our history we have passed the \$2,000 mark," total receipts for all purposes being \$2,132.87, an increase of \$527.70 over last year. Haldimand is again our Banner Circle, having one more in Circle than women in church.

The officers for the year 1921-22 are: President—Mrs. W.D. Scott, Peterborough.

Vice-President—Mrs. R. C. Weston, Campbellford.

Director—Miss M. A. Nicholls, Peterborough.

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Collection \$7.78.

**Resolution Passed at Peterborough Association.**

"Whereas the Rev. W. H. Wallace, the pastor of Belleville Baptist Church, has recently suffered the great loss of his wife Mrs. Wallace, which sad event has brought intense sorrow and loneliness to himself and irreparable loss to his work of the ministry; therefore be it resolved that the members of the Circles and Bands of the Peterborough Association extend to the Rev. W. H. Wallace our heartfelt sympathy in this time of grief, assuring him that we also experience a great loss to-day on account of the absence in the body of the helpful and loving personality of Mrs. Wallace, with whom we have enjoyed so much of fellowship in the past. She has departed, but is with Jesus, hence Mrs. Wallace is still one with us, for we are in Him." Norfolk:

Norfolk Association Circles and Bands met at Courtland June 7th. Throughout the day's program, need of earnest prayers and missionary zeal" was largely the theme. Our President's address on "Truly Consecrated Lives," was sincere and touching.

Our Circle and Band Directors reported a very good increase in finances; a gift of \$200 to Wallingford Hall; 1 new Circle; also an increase of 50 Visitors and 52 Links.

Our Bureau of Literature was earnestly advertised.

Three of our young ladies impersonated the Misses Garbutt, Phelps and Mabee with such a trueness all were earnestly interested.

An address on Soul Winning, full surrender of our selfishness, living truer Christ-like lives, and putting Christ first, based on John 12: 20-26, was sympathetically and appealingly delivered.

Our Missionary elect, Miss Hellyer, very earnestly told us of her call to India.

Mrs. Mitchell, from Bolivia, told us of

the sad hard problems to be handled there which need much tact, inexhaustible patience, the prayers of true Christians and goodness of God's grace. Pray for the missionaries as they go and continue to pray for their keeping.

A pantomime "Lighting up India," was well rendered and very instructive.

Mrs. Hartley Schuyler,  
Secretary.

**Western:**

The Circles and Bands held their annual meeting on June 8th, 1921, with the church in Ridgetown. At 2 p.m. the President, Mrs. W. R. Fellows, of Blenheim, took the chair and conducted the devotional exercises from Luke 18, verses 18 to 30, showing that with faith in God nothing is impossible.

Mrs. J. Loffemire kindly welcomed the delegates, and was appropriately answered by Mrs. E. C. Gosnell, Kingsville.

The reports of Circles and Bands were extremely gratifying, the total amount raised being \$22.50. Leamington is deserving of commendation as well as their Y.W. Circle. Windsor is also broadening out in their method of keeping up interest.

Mrs. McGregor's report was brimful of interest and encouragement.

The call to support Cocanada Girls' Boarding School doubtless will meet with a hearty response.

Mrs. M. Thomson guided the quiet hour, many of the sisters taking part in prayer. Mrs. O. C. Gray, Windsor, showed in many ways how we could "Win," "Hold" and "Use" our young women. Mrs. Dingman gave a solo in a very pleasing manner. The Link and Visitor were advocated by Mrs. E. Lermie, Arner.

It was a great pleasure to look into the face of Mrs. John Lillie. She commended to our consideration the Syro-phoenician woman's faith, and also showed the meaning of Home Missions in Canada.

In the evening Dr. Gertrude Hulet spoke on "Why should we consider the people of India?" She told of their sorrow without hope. Through her medical work hearts are touched.

"A splendid exercise, "The Voices of the Women," was well given by a number of Chatham young ladies.

The nominating committee reported as follows: President, Mrs. Marshall, Chatham; Vice-President, Mrs. C. Clifford, Wallaceburg; Secy.-Treas., Helen Ferguson, Ridgetown; Director, Mrs. J. D. McGregor, Wheatley.

Mrs. Dingman and Mrs. Fordham sang a duet, which was much enjoyed.

Jane Ritchie,

#### Walkerton:

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of Circles and Bands met at Auburn on June 7th, 1921.

Both afternoon and evening meetings were well attended.

The afternoon session was presided over by Mrs. T. J. Allen, of Mount Forest. The Scripture was read by Mrs. (Rev.) Burns, of Clinton, and prayer by Mrs. Loveday, of Mt. Forest.

The roll was called and responded to by delegates from Atwood, Goderich, Glamis, Kincardine, Tiverton, Listowel, Ljstowel Y.W.C., Walkerton and Wingham. Clinton reports having organized both Circle and Bands. We were favored by a solo by Miss E. Robertson, of Auburn, followed by papers on Visitor and Link, Visitor by Mrs. Price, of Wingham, and Link by Mrs. Ross, of Listowel; also a very helpful paper on Band Work, by Miss R. Stovel of Mount Forest. Officers for the coming year are as follows:

President—Mrs. A.J. Pryce, Wingham.

Director—Mrs. T. T. McDonald, Wingham.

1st Vice-Pres.—Mrs. (Rev.) Davies, Listowel.

2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Humber, of Goderich.

Reports show an increase in the year's givings. Goderich was the banner Circle having raised \$265.00, with a membership of eleven.

Wingham was the Banner Band, having raised \$65.00.

Totals raised by Circles and Bands, (including specials) was \$1,114.88.

At the evening session the song service was led by Mr. Hammore, of Wingham, after which Mrs. Allen called upon Mrs. McPhail, of Kincardine for Scripture reading, followed by prayer by Mrs. J. Anderson, of Wingham.

Mrs. Loveday, of Mount Forest, gave a very interesting address on Bolivia, after which Miss Murch, of Wingham, sang a solo. A very stirring address was then given by Miss Mabee, of Toronto, telling us of her work among the Polish and Italian foreigners of that city. This address enlightened many upon the great need of more workers.

The total collection for the day was \$15.26.

This very helpful day's meeting closed by singing and prayer.

Mrs. T. T. McDonald,

Director.

#### Guelph:

On June 7th delegates from the Circles and Bands assembled at Kitchener.

The key-word for the morning was:—"Yield Yourselves Unto God." A hearty welcome was given by Mrs. Rev. P. C. Cameron.

The Director reported that the contributions from Circles for Foreign Missions were \$974.69; from Y. W. Circles, \$111.62, and from Bands, \$246.00, a total of \$1332.31, this being an increase of \$296.57 over the previous year. The morning was largely given to the discussion of Band work; Mrs. Rogers, of Stratford, dealing with "Devotional Period in Mission Band Programs," and Miss Dayfoot, of Georgetown, with those problems affecting the practical side of the work. "How to Secure Band Leaders" seemed to be the greatest difficulty. It was brought out in discussion that Band leaders are born not made, and that the best way to secure leaders is through training given by the mothers. The mother of Moses was cited as an example through whose faithfulness three leaders were given to Israel: Moses, Aaron and Miriam.

The afternoon keyword was "Abide in Me."

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tion to the image of Christ. A conference on Mission Work was conducted by Mrs. R. D. Lang, in which various problems were discussed, the conclusion being that prayer, Bible study, and missionary information should be given a large place in the program. A request from Mrs. Lloyd for \$105.00, special for Cocanada Girls' Boarding School, was presented, and on motion the request was acceded to, the amount specified to be raised by October 10, 1921.

The keyword for the evening session was: "God's Ability to Do." The Whitby Missionary Conference was represented by Rev. H. Merritt, of Preston, who urged all who could to take advantage. Miss G. McGill gave an excellent address on "Light in Dark Places." A resolution recommending the unifying of the Link and Visitor was adopted. Officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. Dr. Smith, St. Mary's, and Director, Mrs. W. S. McAlpine, Hespeler.

E. P. Haines, Freelton.

#### Middlesex and Lambton:

June 7th, our women's day, opened at 10.30 a.m. Reports were read from nineteen Circles.

Miss Whelpton, of the Philippine Islands, then spoke briefly of her missionary work.

The Director's Report showed increases in all departments of work.

The Nominating Committee reported. Honorary President—Miss Pratt.

President—Mrs. T. Doolittle.

Vice-President—Mrs. A. F. Matthews. Director—Mrs. Baldwin.

The Committee on Resolutions brought in the following: "Resolved that we pursue a forward movement embracing finances, membership and spiritual life; that our financial objective for the year be \$6,000; that we bespeak its realization with all diligence; that we strive for at least 25 per cent. increase in our membership; that the spiritual life of our Circles be fostered with all earnestness; that we request the committee on Publication in the local churches to forward the Link and Visitor such reports of

activities as might prove beneficial to our wider work; that we hold earnest communion with God, asking His blessing upon the work of our hands."

Interesting papers an "Sacrificial Giving," "Soul Winning," and "Intercession," were given by Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. McCormick and Mrs. Doolittle. After a beautiful solo by Mrs. McCandless, Mrs. Rogers gave an inspiring Home Mission Address.

The following subject was debated:

"Resolved that Circle Programmes based on a systematic presentation of the work and needs of our own Home and Foreign Mission fields give better results than programmes based on a comprehensive use of a Mission Study book dealing with a world wide view of Missions."

"The Girl Without a Banner," introduced by Miss M. McIntyre, proved very interesting, every church being represented; those having a Mission Band carrying a banner. Those without a banner will try to get a Mission Band before next Association. There were eleven banners showing a membership of 446. Animated Literature presented by the Petrolea Band, proved very interesting and instructive.

The Director's financial statement was the best in the history of the Association. Number of Circle members, 1101, an increase of 121, Denfield again being the Banner Circle, with every woman a Circle member, the average giving being over \$13 per member. Our Circles raised for Home Missions \$1817.77 for Foreign Missions \$1852.47.

Our Bands contributed to Home Missions \$619.65; to Foreign Missions, \$814.68. Total from Circles and Bands amounted to \$4604.47, an increase of \$772.39. Reports were received from 28 Circles, 1 Aid, and 13 Bands. Number of Links taken 453, Visitors 409.

After a solo by Miss McKay, stirring addresses by Miss Aldridge and Miss Pratt, on Home and Foreign Missions, closed a gathering of great interest, due largely to the untiring work of our President, Mrs. Mills.

Rosa Baldwin, Director.

## THE YOUNG WOMEN

## VEERAMA.

One evening some years ago I was having a chat with Mrs. Scott when an old worker appeared asking me to come over to my own verandah to see a caste widow whom he had brought to me that I might teach her some more of the good news. On going over, I found that she was a neighbor of theirs, and both he and his wife had been teaching her about Jesus. For some time past she had not joined in idol worship or feasts or ceremonies, and was quite decided that Jesus Christ was the only Saviour, but—the question of open confession was a serious one. Selling sweetmeats, little cakes and such like to travellers was her means of livelihood, and if she joined the Christians no one would buy from her. We talked together for a while and had prayer before she left, asking God to make His way clear to her and give her grace to walk in it. This was my first introduction to Veerama, and the beginning of a friendship cemented in His love. Soon she began to come to our evening service, and then gained courage to come to the morning one. All the time the conviction that she ought to confess Christ openly was growing stronger, and Xmas Day of 1917 we had the joy of seeing her baptized at the close of our service. As she came out of the water I said "Have you joy, Veerama?" "Great joy," she answered, "for three years I have been believing and have waited for this day." No material prospects had been mentioned to her, and she made no request. How she lived for the next few months she did not tell us, but while I was on furlough, Miss Myers took her on as a worker. She had two very serious illnesses during that time, and her recovery was a miracle she loves to tell about. She is so keen on memorizing Scripture portions and hymns and has such a grasp of the plan of salvation. It is very interesting to hear her tell of the conversions she has with folks. One day an old friend of hers was talking slightly of MaLaksmi, an-

other caste widow who was baptized lately, and Veerama promptly said "How many of you vowed to bathe in the Godavery, and no matter how muddy or defiled the water became, no one blamed you or despised you for bathing in it and fulfilling your vow. MaLaksmi vowed to the true God and went down into the clean water in the baptistry and was baptized in the holy name of Jesus. How blind you are to despise her for this." Another time a Brahmin stopped her on the road and began to laud his religion and speak meanly of hers. She said "You tell first all the benefit of your religion, and what it has done for you, and then I'll tell you what Jesus Christ has done for me." He agreed and when her turn came, she told him so earnestly that he said to her, "You have the best of me, I cannot say any more to you."

Although it was only three years since she was baptized, she has a number of spiritual children, and one scene in connection with some of them that I witnessed will never be forgotten. We were spending the day in their village, and they prepared our noon meal for us. Veerama, the caste woman, sat down so happy in the Mala house to eat her meal, and what touched me was to see her draw one of the little ones down beside her, and have her eat with her from the same leaf plate! Those who know the caste system will understand what a triumph of God's grace this was. It would be so good if she could learn to read, but her sight is not good, and she says she is too old; but all the same, she gets the memory portions assigned to our people much better than some who read. If you could see her sitting right in front of Lydia taking the words out of her mouth as it were, and then go along with her to a house she visits and listen to her teaching the little daughter there, you would not wonder that many times my heart thanks God for His grace manifested in her.

Ellen Priest.

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## OUR MISSION BANDS

*My Dear Mission Band Leaders and Friends:—*

Are you still waiting for an answer to that splendid letter of yours? Do you think I have forgotten? Please don't! If I had three pairs of hands and three heads too, I'm sure I could keep them all busy.

These days of Associational Meetings are busy ones for us all, and I do hope that you will write me all about the Mission Band part of the programme at your Association. Every M. B. in Middlese-Lambton Association sent a delegate who gave a report and we discovered we had an aggregate membership in our Bands of 663! If we have that many in one Association just think of all the boys and girls there must be in our Convention!

And that reminds me to urge you to plan now, so that nothing will prevent you from attending the Convention next November. Be sure to come to the Band Leaders' Conference which is held the day previous to the Convention Sessions. We don't want even one Leader absent, and send any subjects that you would like to have discussed by October 1st.

In the September "Link" I hope to start a column of questions and answers, under the name of "Mission Band Quiz" so please send along your questions, and, if they can be answered briefly, I will try to get them answered sooner than if I tried to write a letter. I thought in this way we might help others who were thinking of asking the same questions.

What are you doing to make our M. B. Slogan come true? Don't forget it. "A Mission Band in EVERY Church in our Convention in FIVE YEARS!"

Faithfully your Band Sec'y.

Anabel Sage Mills.

### OUR MISSION BANDS.

I wonder how many of our Mission Bands have had a programme about our work in South America lately? I wonder how many Mission Band members could tell me the names of our Missionaries in Bolivia? Do you remember the name of the Missionary who went to Bolivia last

year, under our Board? Do you know who Miss Wilson is? And who are the Mr. and Mrs. Eastman whom we are hearing so much about lately?

Maybe you can all answer these questions, and then again, maybe you can't. Maybe you have had a programme on South America at your last meeting, and then again, maybe you haven't, so I'm going to show you how to have a most interesting and instructive programme, by using the following pageant called "Going Shares with South America" and then have someone tell you about our work in Bolivia.

If you look in the May "Link" pp. 154-155, and June "Link" pp. 152-153, you will find some splendid material for a fine "Talk."

#### Pageant

#### Going Shares With South America.

CANADA—"We are glad to welcome to-day some of our South American neighbors for we want to get acquainted with them."

*(A First Groupe of Spanish Children enters "Who are you, my friend?"*

SPANISH CHILDREN—"Our great grandfather came over years ago from Spain to settle in South America, so we are Spanish children."

"We greet our Sister in the North, and bring her our gifts."

1st child.—"I bring to you Sugar."

2nd child.—"And I bring Potatoes."

3rd child.—"My gift is Bananas."

4th child.—"And mine is Brazil Nuts."

CANADA—(As Cholos enter)—(2nd group)—"Who are these Visitors?"

CHOLO CHILDREN—"We are Cholo, which means we are part Spanish and part Indian. We bring you our gifts."

CANADA—"And what are your gifts?"

1st child.—"My gift is Rubber."

2nd child.—"And mine is all kinds of Spices."

3rd child.—"I bring you Coffee."

4th child.—"And I bring you Cocoa Beans."

CANADA—"We use so much Rubber in Canada; I do not know how we could do

without it. We all enjoy Cocoa and Coffee and Chocolate made

(As 3rd Groupe enters—Indians)

"Why! Here are some more—I wonder who these people are?"

INDIANS—"We are Inca Indians from the Mountains of South America. Our mines have rich gifts which we bring you."

CANADA—"Have you still more gifts of greater value to bring?" "What can they be?"

1st child.—"My gift is Silver."

2nd child.—"And mine is Tin."

3rd child.—"I bring precious Diamonds."

4th child.—"And I bring Emeraids."

CANADA—"Such gifts as these are precious indeed and we thank you."

SOUTH AMERICA—(Entering as last child speaks)—"Greetings to you Canada. Are the gifts my children bring in trade sufficient to prove my good will toward you?"

CANADA—"Welcome, Sister America! We heartily thank you for these rich gifts which are necessary for our comfort, pleasure and well being. Let trade and friendship be busy evermore between us. To show my own good will, I'll call my children."

CANADIAN CHILDREN—

1st child.—"We greet you, South America, and also bring our gifts. We'll send you Engines for your railways and Machinery for your mines."

2nd child.—"We'll send you Manufactured Cloth and Canned Goods."

3rd child.—"We'll send you Engineers to help you build your roads and bridges."

CANADA—"I am sorry that our gifts in trade are fewer than your own; that we must look to you for more in commerce than we can give you in return. Is there aught besides that we may share as one friend with another?"

SOUTH AMERICAN INDIANS—(Sing in reply, "Please Go Shares.")

#### PLEASE GO SHARES

We are South Americans true,  
Christian teachers we have few,  
Many, many more have you,  
Please go shares with us, with us.

Send Bolivia girls and boys,—  
Bibles, books and pretty toys,  
Spanish, Cholo, Indians, too,—

Can't we share with you, with you?

SOUTH AMERICA—"In your country I have seen that all may read the Bible. Our Bible is locked to us by ignorance and superstition as you see."

(As South American child steps out to the centre of the platform with a closed Bible in his hand.)

"Can you help us open it?"

CANADA—"We'll share with you our Bible Teachers."

Christian Teacher (Entering with Cap and Gown) recites while opening the Bible held by the South American Child:

"The entrance of thy word giveth light"

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

SOUTH AMERICA—"You have opened his Book for us, but we do not know how to read it, for the words are not in our tongue."

CANADA—"We will share with you our teachers and our books. We will send Missionaries to you to tell that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

SOUTH AMERICA—"We need your Teachers and Missionaries, and your promise to send them to us shows your true Christian friendship is of more value than a busy commerce, and we thank you for your interest in us."

CANADA—"We are interested in you, and in all peoples everywhere, who need the Gospel, and in sending Missionaries to you, we are but fulfilling the command of our Lord and Master who said:—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

The above "Pageant" was written by Miss F. L. Laine, Toronto, Assistant Band Sec'y, also leader of Walmer Rd. "King's Mission Band." If desired, this Pageant could be presented in costume, otherwise let those taking part wear "Name strips" upon which are printed the names of the people they represent, viz.:—"Canada" "Cholo," "Indian," etc. Have representatives present their gifts to Canada on trays, (small wooden or paper picnic plates) who will put them on a table, conveniently placed. When completed they

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will make a fine display. If possible, get the real article for gifts, but silver-foh will answer for "Silver" and glass beads for "Diamonds" and "Emeralds." "Go Ye Among All Nations" from "Junior Hymns and Carols" would be a fitting hymn to sing at the closing of the Pageant.

"Somebody did a golden deed;  
Somebody proved a friend in need;  
Somebody sang a beautiful song;  
Somebody smiled the whole day long;  
Somebody said I am glad to give;  
Somebody fought a valiant fight;  
Somebody lived to shield the right;  
Was that somebody YOU?"

## FEED MY LAMBS.

There are thousands of little children,

A great and pitiful throng,  
Who have never heard Christ's story

And never heard His song.  
All over the world they are waiting  
For the song so simple and sweet,  
For the song, the angels are singing  
As they bow at the Saviour's feet.  
'Tis for us who have heard it so often  
To send it far abroad,  
The wonderful song and story  
Of Jesus Christ our Lord. —Sel.

## EASTERN SOCIETY.

The Convention of the W.B.F.M.S. of Eastern Ontario and Quebec will be held in the 4th Avenue Baptist Church, Ottawa, in October. This preliminary announcement is given in order that the Circles may plan to send a large delegation. Will not each Circle try to send at least one delegate. For further information please look in the September Link.

## OUR LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

We have some good stories, helpful and inspirational, of which we think you should know. Here is the list.

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Dora (Ch.) .....	5c	Tilly's Thank-Offering Dollar (Ch.) .....	2c
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Ling Te's Story .....	5c	Say About It .....	3c
More About the Happiest Girl in			

In the last month's issue there was a slight misunderstanding about the price of the Sketches of our Missionaries. They are 5c. each, except Miss Simpson, which is 7c. It is our latest sketch and is really splendid. The author, in summing up the many noble qualities of our late Missionary, particularly stresses her faithfulness. This is a quality which needs emphasizing in these days, and everyone should read it. It can well be used in Band work. Price 7c.

A number of books have been received into our Library for loaning. You would like to know of these. They are these:

"The Pen of Brahma" is a collection of stories of life in India which would be interesting for anyone, especially for young people.

"Pastor Hui" and "One of China's Scholars," by that excellent writer, Mrs. Howard Taylor, are too well known to need any comment.

"Letters From My Home in India" will be particularly interesting just now because of the homecoming of the author, Mrs. Churchill. Every Baptist woman will want to read this. These four would make delightful summer reading.

Then there are:—

"The Missionary Campaign," by Hooten.

"The Social Aspect of Foreign Missions," by Dr. W. H. P. Faunce.

These are of general information and would be particularly useful in getting up programmes.

Also we have:—

"An African Trail," by Jean Kenyon Mackenzie.

"The Moslem World," by Zwemer.

"Women Workers of the Orient," by Margaret E. Burton.

"Servants of the King," by Robert E. Spear.

Then there are the two magazines before referred to, "MISSIONS" and "THE MISSIONARY REVIEW" which are also for loaning, and many other good books. These can be had on application to the office, for postage (usually 7c).

Address all orders to W. B. F. M. S., Literature Department, 478 Palmerston Blvd., Toronto. Phone, Coll. 3810.